

REMARKS

Claims 26, 28-36, and 38-61 are pending.

Rejection based on 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 26, 28-36, and 38-61 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants submit that the pending claims are fully supported by the specification. More specifically, Applicants submit that the specification fully supports the claim amendments made in response to the Office Action mailed on May 7, 2003.

Page 11, lines 23-26 provides:

The polyurethane of the present invention may be applied to various substrates to form a layer on the substrate, or a portion of the substrate. The substrate may include wood, polymeric material, fiber reinforced polymers, metal, or combinations thereof.

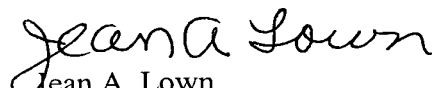
Page 12, line 30 to page 13, line 4 provides:

FIG. 1 illustrates an article made in accordance with the present invention. The article 10 includes a polymeric base substrate 12 upon which the polyurethane top coat 14 of the present invention is applied. The polymeric base substrate 12 could desirably include polyvinyl chloride, polyester, acrylic polymers, polycarbonates, polyurethanes, polyethylene acrylic acid copolymer, polyvinylacetates, and reflective sheeting.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections based on 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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